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Florio proposes further welfare reforms

CRANFORD—Following up on the success of the state's year-old welfare reform program, Governor Jim Florio recently proposed several additional initiatives he wants to enact over the next four years, to further reform the system, help break the cycle of dependency that has trapped so many New Jersey families, and make sure we have a system taxpayers feel they can support.

The Governor unveiled his proposals during testimony before a White House welfare reform working group meeting to overhaul the welfare system on the national level. "Welfare as we know it, not only hasn't worked, it's made things worse by penalizing poor people for exercising personal initiative and responsibility, and robbing them of their dignity and self-respect, and, it's forced taxpayers to pay the tab for generation after generation of welfare recipients," he said. "We know the system is broken. In New Jersey, the only way to help people is to encourage self-reliance is a two-way street. Government can help people who need it, but at the same time, people must be willing to help themselves. People should be marrying each other, not the state. Parents should be depending on each other, not the taxpayers."

"We are changing welfare from a system of entitlement to a system of transition and liberation. Still, we're not finished by a long shot, today, I'm proposing a new round of welfare reforms, to further encourage responsibility rooted in the idea of family."

State official visits Irvington

IRVINGTON—Recently DCA Commissioner Stephanie Bush visited the Township of Irvington, to assess some of the new construction projects taking place, she spent the entire morning touring various locations. Mayor Charles accompanied by Senator Ron Rice and Schools Supt. Dr. Rodgers Lewis, accompanied her on the tour of the city's redevelopment sites. The group visited the Senior Citizens Center which is in store for a \$65,000 renovation before Christmas, the Orange Playground where the new swimming pool is taking shape, the Parkway, the community park that currently is undergoing a \$250,000 renovation to include a new track, new baseball field, new tennis court, and improvements to the shelter house. The group then visited the site of a previous fire which caused severe damage to two six-unit houses. The owner lacked insurance, so the township became liable.

With no funds available, the Mayor contacted Commissioner Bush and pleaded for assistance. With a few weeks ago, she received \$50,000 to help defray the overall costs. The next stop was the 16th Avenue Mini-police precinct and Housing Office. The tour ended with a visit to a 50 unit rehab job that the township has engaged in with the owner to avoid urban blight. The last

stop was the new elementary school on Montgomery Avenue.

Mayor Steele spoke about his administration's efforts to stabilize taxes. "So far since I have been Mayor the overall tax increase equals about 8 percent, our taxes between 1986 and 1990 rose 33 percent. So, I feel we have done what we said we would try to do. But it's hard. That's why I'm glad Commissioner Bush is here. When the Governor or his Cabinet members get out throughout the

State they can tell and sense what's going on."

"Commissioner Bush stated that she was quite impressed with Irvington, and all that we are doing. The fact that the Township and Schools are working together was impressive. The end result for any Mayor today is how much revenue you can bring home. With rising costs each year, balancing a budget becomes one big headache... but it must be done."



Irvington Mayor Mike Steele shows DCA Commissioner Stephanie Bush the site of a major park renovation at Parkway Playground. The park when completed will have a new ball field, new tennis court, wading pool, and improvements to the existing shelter house. Looking on (l to r) are Parks Director Lucinda Laws, and Senator Ronald L. Rice.

The state of education

NEWARK—The president of the Newark Board of Education, Evelyn Williams, recently discussed the district's accomplishments and challenges as it enters the final year of its five-year strategic plan. Ms. Williams said she is confident the district will meet its goals, as well as the challenges that are ahead. "As we approach the end of our five-year strategic plan, we look back to see how much further we have to go to reach our goals and what we must accomplish as we begin setting new objectives on our way to the 21st century."

She stated that the district has already met its goals to reduce the number of special education classifications and is closing in on its goals to reduce the dropout rate and 3rd-grade students' performance on a standardized test. Ms. Williams said the district is also prepared for its fourth objective—75 percent of its 11-grade students passing the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT). She has placed the responsibility of the students passing the test on the community at-large. "It is incumbent upon everyone to do all we can to ensure that our

students do well."

Wilson also pointed to the new cluster organization as playing a new role in helping students pass the HSPT-11, saying that it will increase services to students in addition to increasing accountability among administrators. "We're all accountable for what happens to our young people today."

She expressed concern of education in New Jersey, as well as the rest of the nation, as she spoke of recent reports that show students in the state are performing poorly on math tests that involve reasoning and problem-

solving skills. She also noted that both studies show that students from disadvantaged urban areas don't do as well in math or reading as students in more advantaged suburban and rural areas. However, she did not let geographical location of the district discourage her. "We need to band together to uplift the state of education in our city."

The "State of Education" report was to be given at the 100-day mark of the Williams administration, however, writing and update-

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New Jersey Health Commissioner Dr. Bruce Siegel (second from right) presented a check for \$1 million to Julianne W. Miller, Executive Director of Plainfield Health Center and Oliver Bartlett (far right), chairperson of the Plainfield Health Center building committee. Looking on are John Koplick, President and CEO of Muhlenberg (far left) and Plainfield Councilman Malcolm R. Dunn. The goal is earmarked for the center's capital campaign, "Building a Healthier Tomorrow."

Newark wins environmental achievement award

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the City of Newark has won the "City and State" magazine's "Environmental Achievement Award for cities with a population of more than 500,000." The award, which is a result of the City's "Global City" program, a comprehensive environmental conservation initiative coordinated under the direction of the Newark Department of Engineering. Newark won first place in a field of several municipalities from across the country, the Gateway City, this year, also won the coveted "Triple Crown" of municipal awards (the "All-American City" Award from the National Civic League, "City Livability" Award from the United Cities Conference of Mayors, and the first administrator's Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), for its progressive, recy-

cling and environmental conservation program.

Mayor James, chairman of the United States Conference of Mayors' Solid Waste Task Force said, "For some time now, Newark has been a 'Global City' due to the environmental movement and strengthening the local economy. As Mayor, I am extremely happy that, thanks to our cooperative citizens, we were able to receive this distinguished award. Our commitment to protect the Earth will also make Newark a cleaner place to live and work."

Alvin L. Zach, director of engineering, agreed. "The award is in recognition for a job well done by the entire Newark public. For years now, Newark has been a national leader in recycling (glass bottles, newspapers, old furniture, air conditioners, refrigerators, and other items), pre-cycling and overall conservation." Zach continued, "Through the program, we presently recycle over 50 percent of our solid waste and the progressive initia-

tive continues to soar in terms of its success."

He added that the City plans to implement pollution prevention strategies in response to mandatory measures called for by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NDEPE), under the State's Pollution Prevention Program (NJAC 7:1K-1.1 et seq.). In addition to keeping harmful substances out of the environment, Zach pointed out that the program will save Newark industries money.

By initiating the anti-pollution program now, the City will be on target to reach the state's due date (July 1994) for the completion of the pollution prevention plan summary, and the implementation of the mandatory measures for July 1, 1995. Zach said, "Additionally, the measures will also help Newark remain a national leader in environmental conservation efforts."

Plainfield resident to lead program at philanthropy conference

PRINCETON—Lloyd J. Oxford, CFRE, of Plainfield, will lead a program track entitled "Building a Prospect Base From Ground Zero" at the annual New Jersey Conference on Philanthropy to be held on October 28 and 29, 1993 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton, NJ.

Mr. Oxford's track, to be presented Friday morning, will focus on methods of compiling a donor prospect list for which an organization can solicit support. Oxford is President of the Black United Fund of New Jersey, Inc. and is responsible for increasing the organization's overall revenue by \$6 million and \$3.2 million for overall reinvestment. And has previously served as Executive Director of the Urban League of the Albany Area, Inc.

He graduated from Central State University with a B.S. Degree in Business Management and a Master's in Certified Fund Raising Executive through the National Society of Fund Raising Executives where he serves as a board member of the New Jersey Chapter. He will be joined in his track by Elaine Stueber, Program Director, Partnership in Philanthropy and John McIlquham, Publisher, Non-Profit Times.

The registration fee for the conference, which is sponsored by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (N.S.F.R.E.)—New Jersey Chapter, is \$175 between September 17 and October 27 for all participants. For those registering the day of the Conference, the fee is \$200.

This year's program has some-



thing for everyone—newcomers to the field as well as seasoned professionals. Topics include annual giving, special events, working with volunteers, capital campaigns, strategic planning, ethics, grantmanship, public relations and a special track on philanthropy from the donor's perspective, including the media's point of view.

Awards for Philanthropic and Volunteer efforts will be presented at the Friday luncheon in the categories of Community Organization, Corporation in Philanthropy, Volunteer, and the Robert J. Smythe Award for Professional Fund Raiser. For more information, contact the New Jersey Chapter at (201) 455-1555.

Union County Employment Training Program a success



PLAINFIELD—Union County's Division of PIC (Private Industry Council) E&T (Employment and Training) can expect to see over 90 of its clients graduate from the computer operations and word processing training provided by Candace Education of Plainfield and Rahway.

Mark Farber, president of Candace Education, founded the management consulting firm in 1982, and expanded to include a word processing/computer training school in 1985. In Dec. 1992 a branch was opened in Rahway, which graduated 35 students, this year a total of 93 students will graduate from both locations. The PIC now offers the General Education Development (G.E.D.) preparation for a high school equivalency diploma.

NCC to honor Hortense Green

SUMMIT—A gala reception and crafts exhibition honor Hortense Green, National Coordinator of the "Year of the American Craft" for the American Craft Council, will be held on Sunday, October 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm Street, Summit.

"Hortense Green represents the finest this county and state has to offer," stated Linda Lee Kelly, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "She is a person of vision,

dedication and talent who unselfishly gives herself for the betterment of all." Mrs. Green initiated the concept of "The Year of the American Craft" based on "All Join Hands," a successful program developed in 1985 that heightened the awareness of crafts in New Jersey. She served as crafts coordinator for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts from 1979-1990, where she established a network among crafts professionals, curated and coordinated museum exhibitions, and organized marketing and business seminars for craftspeople.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

WEST ORANGE—La Di Da an "Open Stage" for performing artists at the West Orange Community House. Starts at 2:00. For directions call 201-736-1282.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

NEWARK—Rutgers University Lecture: Assimilation and Hispanic Culture 11:30 a.m. Robeson Campus Center. For more info: call 201-679-4161.

EVERY TUESDAY

EST ORANGE—The Malcolm X Memorial Committee continues its Tues-day unity lecture series and welcomes all in the area to attend. At 23 Prospect Street. Meeting time is 8:30 p.m. For further information call 201-679-3828.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

MOUNTAINSIDE—Trailside Planetary to offer star-link up/laser shows. For more info call 908-789-3670.

NYC—The Fashion Institute of Technol- ogy exhibits 30 textiles created by West African Atrial Nkrumah Diarra that are mud-dyed, noon-8 p.m. For more info call 212-760-7760.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library exhibits Hispanic Heritage Month with exhibits at the Main Library and Biblioteca Criolla, a program featuring Hispanic folktales and music and a costume for elementary school children. For further information call 201-547-5804.

JERSEY CITY—J.C.S.C presents storytime with African Folklorist, historian, philosopher, and poet Mary Carter Smith.

JERSEY CITY—Public Library presents multimedia exhibit of a work in progress. "The Other Side of the River." For further information call 201-547-4381.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

IRVINGTON—Every Thursday at the Irvington General Hospital, free S.T.D. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) clinic. FREE TREATMENT!!! Call for an appointment at 201-399-6124.

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EDITORIAL

Minority Business Enterprise: the Next Frontier.

While urban America has had little to be excited about over the last 12 years of the Regan/Bush administration, there seems to be a sense of expectation that the Clinton administration will do more.

There are indications that Mr. Clinton will deliver. The President is showing that he is willing to tackle some very tough issues head on: gays in the military, the budget deficit, national health insurance. In spite of the concerns of many tax payers for increases in taxes, Americans in general seem to support the President. Now that the health issue and the President's solution are on the table, hopefully his next effort will concentrate on the urban areas.

According to a report in the *Minority Business Journal of New Jersey* and *New York* September/October issue, "Small-medium businesses created 13.6 million net jobs during the '80's...while Fortune 500 companies 'restructuring' resulted in a net loss of 3.5 million jobs, during the same period."

Highlights of a survey conducted by the National Minority Supplier Development Council showed that the minority business firms minority workers to a far greater extent than do non-minority firms. Minority businesses buy from other minority businesses when they can; and, of the problems cited by minority suppliers, lack of access to capital is the most important to solve in order to improve their company's long-term business prospects.

It is clear that bringing back jobs in the cities is based on how well minority business enterprise can develop and grow in those cities. There are no quick fixes. It is a matter of those who have the courage from the President on down to local mayors and city councils to accept the challenge. It is up to them to bring about partnerships among lending sources, minority entrepreneurs, and regulators to help minority business enterprise grow.

We encourage the administration, state, and local politicians in a bipartisan effort to look at job creation through building minority enterprise in urban America. It's a win, win situation for all.



by Connie Woodruff

As I See It...

but up among black voters, she was not hesitant to make definite commitments to including more African Americans in appointments and jobs in a state government under her jurisdiction or to making "sure the judiciary looks more like the face" of the state.

Governor Florio stressed his record on black appointments, pointing to cabinet members and the distribution of dollars going to minority and female entrepreneurs.

In direct response to the question of state takeover of Newark schools he responded that he was committed to a take-over if it is proven the best way to educate inner city kids.

There was no winner or loser in this case. Each candidate responded well to the audience which obviously had differing opinions on who will be best for African Americans in the next four years.

And it was a matter of styles between the candidates on who they are, how they will address issues important to the black community and how convincingly they articulated their points of views.

It's for sure African Americans are skeptical about Whitman's "tax plan." And they are not too aggressive as who will be in the thousands of new jobs needed to the state.

On the other hand those who come to be among the vast numbers of unemployed in New Jersey are not particularly impressed by the "haves" who are in the Florio administration.

When the governor talked about his leadership in expanding the EDA to help minorities gain access to capital for business investments, entrepreneurs in the audience groaned. What they want is equal access to lucrative state contracts and reduction of the red tape they encounter in seeking state contracts for their goods and services.

Blacks also seem to be divided on the wisdom of punishing welfare mothers and children if mothers either don't

know or refuse to identify fathers.

Heated discussions on these and other issues preceded and followed the 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. candidate appearances.

In the late afternoon into evening Christie Whitman and her staff held a delegates' reception that was better attended than one would have guessed. But apparently when it comes to relaxation, neither Democrat or Republican has a lock on hospitality.

Gov. Florio had a delegate reception following his presentation that remained closed until his opening day to aches. That festivity also packed with those hungry folks anxious to refresh the night's events.

When I left the hotel around midnight, there were many little groups in the lobby, at the bar or returning to rooms to continue discussing who did what best in pitching for black votes. It's a signal of our growing political sophistication and a warning some things ain't what we used to be among African-American voters.

Hallelujah! //

Florio and Whitman were not the only "stars" as BIC got off to a bang-up start.

Lots of Newarkers "worked" the crowded senior citizen workshops and混杂 among the party-goers.

Waded to Newark council president Gary Harris and his entourage. And later was surprised when a "non-activist" whispered that Harris is looming as Newark's next mayor in 1996, that is because Mayor Sharpe is not expected to have any heavyweight competition when he goes before the voters for a third term in May 1993.

// Newark Central Ward councilman George Branch and his Joyce were among those enjoying the day. Branch's strength is the senior vote in the city so it was a natural for him to be there

opening day. He said I have been too happy to see Saidi Ngwu, however. Saidi, former Central Ward Democratic chairman has his eye on Branch's council seat and was passing out cards declaring his candidacy in May 1994, complete with a headquarters address and "phone number for the interested."

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Then in the midst of the flurry of activity Congressman Donald Payne held a meeting (mercifully brief) of the African American Political Alliance.

It was not pleasant for everybody (particularly some Mercer County folks) who thought Payne was intruding on BIC's hospitality.

But no matter, the popular congressman played to a standing-room-only crowd. The Alliance recently issued a public endorsement for Gov. Florio's re-election.

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Former East Orange councilwoman Florence Johnson has moved to Plainfield. We can predict now Plainfield and Union County politics is in for a big surprise. Knowing Florence we can imagine this energetic activist living in any community without getting involved in its politics.

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Fred Stalts, husband of Essex County Register, Larrie West Stalts brought greetings from his wife who is recovering from recent surgery.

It wasn't quite the same without Larrie holding court at a corner table. But the good news is that she's recuperating while pondering how active she will be in the future. Never mind. Fred and his cronies, Ann Crowley and Karen Williams, are keeping her name and image alive. Add to that list, brother, Calvin West, looking good after an extended vacation on the French Riviera.

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The burning of a black man

By Joe Williams, III

I was walking the sandy beach of Venice Beach, California recently, trying to relax my mind. I took in the serene waves as they gently slapped the sandy shore. I could see the beach line for miles. I like Venice Beach because that's where you can always find a lot of black people walking and browsing the boardwalk. I was walking slowly, kicking sand, and watching the ocean ripple under the setting sun. As I enjoyed the peaceful scenery, something strange happened in my mind. I thought of this black man running for his life, he was on fire, large letters were painted across the sky that read, "KKK."

I stopped in my tracks and looked around at the white folks. It suddenly dawned on me how very little I know about these people, and how very little they know about me. As I stood there, stunned, a slogan by Mao Tse-tung crossed my mind: "Know thy enemy as well as thyself; if you go into a thousand battles, you will come out with a thousand victories."

That's it. I don't know white people or how they think. I need to review the past, their collective psyche, their values, to begin to really understand them.

Newspapers recently flashed

headlines about the two white men who kidnapped Christopher Wilson, a black tourist, took him to a remote area, poured gasoline over his head and down his body, robbed him, and then lit a match, burning him alive. They screamed, "You're gonna die, nigger," as the flames flared. The two left a note identifying themselves as members of the infamous Ku Klux Klan.

We, as African Americans, cannot overlook this as a single, isolated incident of some kooks. This has been, and continues to be, a definite pattern. This burning incident can be directly linked to the lynching of black people during and after slavery. It is the same pattern that has burned black homes down to the ground. It is part of the overall pattern of white supremacy rhetoric that says to all white people that even if you are a skid-row bum, you are still better than the most successful black scientist.

It is the collective denial and guilt of white people for not knowing who had what idea what was happening to him or why? For Wilson to understand his dilemma, he would have had to understand that in the eyes of many whites, it is a moral and spiritual sin to have black skin in America. It is as simple as that. No matter how kind you are, no matter

how much money you make, to many whites, if your skin is black, you deserve to die. These people ratte and train their children to think this way, from as early as the infant stage.

The problem with me speaking so frankly is that many people will immediately label me racist or a fool, for speaking the truth. And, many black people will attack me as being way out of line. What do I know that black people, who haven't done a thing wrong, keep getting bumped off?

I watched as the U.S. government systematically dismantled the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. Yet, they refuse to put the Ku Klux Klan and the fascist skinheads out of business.

My only conclusion is that there is a double standard when it comes to black groups versus white groups. I guess it would be a little racist of me to suggest that since the government is led by white people, the racial extremists are white, then they are to be little less guilty than black people.

However, let me say this: The violence against black people, simply because of their skin color, must cease.

I can only hold the U.S. government responsible for the actions of its citizens. The U.S. government must deal with this collective guilt of white people for the violence which they have perpetrated against people of color around the world. I strongly believe that until white people "fess up" to the violence of their forefathers, denounce that violence, and publicly renounce it as unacceptable, they will continue to burn, maim, and murder black people.

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Activities will include a musical

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Admission to the festival is free, but there may be a nominal fee for some special activities and games. Food and beverage items are available from \$5 cents to \$4.50, and can be purchased with Taste tickets. Tickets will be sold on site. For further information call 202-724-5430.

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A proposer's Conference shall be held at the Housing Authority's Offices on Thursday, October 21, 1993 at 11:00 A.M. Attendance is recommended, but not mandatory.

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CLASSIFIED

In Essex County, call:
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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for Fire Alarm System at NJ 13-4a and B Hecht and Murphy Apartments.

The Bid Opening will be at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on October 28, 1993 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Paterson, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Inspections of the sites will be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 14, 1993.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or by calling (201) 365-6347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualification and power to bid the Authority (or applicable) bidding documents and other documentation are submitted. Corporations, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via "STANDARD" mail are required to have said mail delivered prior to the appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid, Affidavits, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and or facsimile copies of such document will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier's check to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved list binding itself to become surety for the full amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company for one percent (1%) of the contract for the protection of all construction materials or labor for fulfilling the contract is also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check and/or bid bond.

Bid Bond/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register "Department of the Treasury" Circular 570. The register will be provided with the bid documents.

All bids and security must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

Proposed bid amounts will be determined by the sum of the bid price and Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in an amount equal to one (%100) of the contract price.

The provisions of Affirmative Action Program (AAP) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) are incorporated herein. Full requirements of the programs may be contained with the bid documents.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of Withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

ERIK KOLBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch is seeking proposals from qualified firms for the services of a Construction Manager to provide construction management services for a comprehensive modernization program. Proposals shall be received by the Housing Authority no later than the close of business on Monday, November 1, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Construction Manager.

Firms choosing to submit their proposals by mail must have said mail delivered prior to the proposal submission date indicated above. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to insure that proposals are submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposals.

The Housing Authority shall only accept proposals in the format described in the Proposal Information Package. No facsimile copies of proposals shall be accepted.

A Proposer's Conference shall be held at the Housing Authority's Office on Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Attendance is recommended, but not mandatory.

The provisions of Affirmative Action Program (AAP) and Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) are incorporated herein. Full requirements of these programs are included in the Proposal Information Package.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the submission date of the proposal without prior written consent of the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any informality in the process.

DAVID A. BROWN, PHM
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION TO BID

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Household Appliances

Gas/Electrical Ranges & Electric Refrigerators

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Furnishing & Delivery of Janitorial Supplies

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF

THE TOWN OF IRVINGTON
PHONE: (201) 375-2121/FAX: (201) 375-4581
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

GENERAL

The Housing Authority of Irvington is receiving proposals for Modernization Coordinator Services in connection with its CIP Modernization Program. The work will generally consist of the execution of various construction-related work items funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The modernization is intended to repair, renovate, modernize or otherwise modify the Housing Authority units, offices and grounds.

It is of prime importance that the majority of the actual work be completed within one year(s) of this solicitation. The term of this contract shall be one year, with option to renew, subject to HUD approval.

Proposals must be received at the office of the Housing Authority, 624 9th Avenue (address) Irvington, NJ 07111 not later than 1:00 p.m. prevailing time, on October 22, 1993.

Call the Irvington Housing Authority for an Request For Proposal at (201) 375-2121.

For Kim Vazquez, Bid Coordinator.

10/6/93

PATRICIA WESTON RIVERA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson will receive sealed Bids on Thursday, October 14, 1993 at 10:00 a.m., 160 Ward Street, Paterson, NJ for the following items as outlined in Technical Specifications:

Handicapped Accessibility Alterations

at

NJ21-61, Nathan Barnett Homes

NJ21-62, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes

NJ21-19, Joseph Masello Homes

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Installation of Smoke Doors

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NJ21-7, Dr. Norman Cotton Homes

& NJ21-8, Rev. William Griffin Homes

NJ21-10, Gordon Canfield Plaza

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NJ21-7, Dr. Norman Cotton Homes

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Ful Elevator Maintenance & Service Contract for Family Site

NJ21-3 & NJ21-4

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Furnishing & Delivery of Locksmith Services

& Security Locks/Apartment Entrance Door Hardware

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CITY SPORTS

Plainfield's soccer champ uses head at Rider

By Mark Prioleau

Ever since the 3rd grade, Neil Charles has used his head both on and off the field. Throughout his academic career, Charles has maintained a 4.8 average in the classroom, and on the soccer field he has always scored goals with his head. He continues to do both as a senior at Rider College and star captain of the soccer team.

While growing up in Plainfield, Charles began playing soccer with the Plainfield Optimist Club.

"I started playing there when I was eight, it was fun, it's what first got me interested in soccer. I remember playing every Saturday morning. We won a lot of games. Every time I was on a team, we got a championship. We always got a trophy and it was pretty exciting," Charles said as he reminisced about his childhood games played at Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

At Timothy Christian High School, Charles continued his winning ways, leading his soccer team to three JCA Championships and a 54-3 record, and his basketball team to a 49-7 record, while captaining both squads. In addition, he played baseball, earning seven varsity letters at the Piscataway-based school.

Winning and stardom always came naturally for Charles. Since the age of eight, he's been the star player on every team that he has played on, leading his team to 7 championships at the elementary, high school, and college levels. This year he has year's captain of the Northeast Conference title at Rider, captaining the Broncs to a 14-1 campaign.

However, Charles almost didn't play soccer in college at all. He walked on at Rider College and earned his way on the team. In fact, at Timothy Christian, he wasn't recruited by a single Division I school in the country.

"Our school was so small [that] we didn't play the best teams, [not being

recruited] was a little frustrating," Charles said.

Yet, Charles continues to win soccer games and lead by example in Lawrenceville, the same way that he did in both Plainfield and Piscataway. As a freshman, he started in all 18 games, earning Rider Rookie of the Year honors. In 1992's championship team, Charles was named to the 2nd team All-NEC squad as well as to the All-Tournament squad, capping the latter award while scoring the game-winning goal in the title game against DFDU, giving Rider a 1-0 victory. Interestingly enough, Charles has scored 19 career goals at Rider, 15 of which were head shots, including last year's game winner, "Trendy, isn't it?"

"When I was in high school, I used to always practice headers; I saw someone do it and ever since [then] I would practice it, it's stuck with me," Charles replied. He then added that "I don't know anything."

Rider has gotten off to a slow start this season with losses to Seton Hall, Princeton, and St. Francis (PA), but Charles looks to repeat as NEC champions, and unlike last year, this year's Northeast Conference Champion will go on to play in the NCAA tournament.

"I just hope that we can pick up some conference games since their is an automatic bid," Charles said.

"What about life after soccer you ask? Well, Charles will be graduating from Rider College next May with majors in both education and economics. He currently maintains a 3.2 GPA in both majors. He aspires to become a teacher, preferably second grade because "second graders

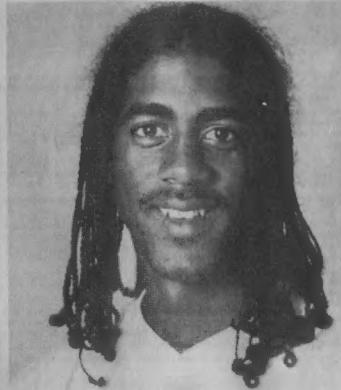
are at the peak of learning, there at the age when they start to enjoy [learning]. I think that at that age, you can really put a big impact on their lives (the same way that the Plainfield Optimist Club has had an impact on his life). Charles says that he'll definitely return the favor.

"I'd like to coach a team from the Optimist Club one day."

Charles, who still resides in the same childhood home, says that he loves the city that he grew up in.

"I love Plainfield, I love going back home, I love the atmosphere, he said.

He loves Plainfield so much, maybe he'll teach and coach there one day. One thing's for sure, if he's teaching in the classroom or coaching on the field, he'll be showing youngsters how to use their head.



Neil Charles

Sportlight

By R.L. GREENE

NEW YORK—Remember the "Black 14"? You can't tell it by watching television on Saturday afternoons, but there was a time when college football was not dominated by black players. In fact, blacks had problems on football fields all across this country.

Stanford University's off-athletic relations with the Black 14, while black athletes suspended at Indiana University, the University of Wyoming and the University of Washington. At the same time, five blacks walked off the basketball court at Sacramento (Calif.) State College, others threatened rebellion over ethnic slurs at the University of Minnesota, and at Wisconsin, they protested against "stacking."

The year was 1969, and Brigham Young was a main target, especially for those schools in the West.

The "Black 14"? At Wyoming, 14 black football players were suspended for asking to wear black arm bands as a protest against the racial policies of BYU, the same policies that

caused Stanford to sever relations.

The 14 had agreed to join the newly formed Black Student Alliance in protesting Mormon Church policies that precluded blacks from holding top positions in the church. Learning of the plans, then-coach Lloyd Eaton suspended all 14 players from the team.

A couple of weeks ago, four members of the "Black 14" returned to Laramie, WY, where ceremonies were held by school officials to recognize the players and their campus activities.

Mej Hamilton, the oldest of the 14 and one of the four to return, said he was glad to see the university make an effort to apologize to the team members.

"By this effort, the university shows they would love to put a closure to what seems to have been a racist administration at the time," Hamilton said. "I feel like I'm a Wyoming alumni and it helps me to accept that, to shout it from the rooftops: when the university reached out their hands this way."

Not everyone, however, is as willing to forget and forgive.

"I feel very strongly that all the 'Black 14' who participated should be paid reparations," said Irie Moore, another one of the "Black 14" and who has since changed his name to Abi. "Lloyd Eaton damaged pro careers. All of the 'Black 14' could have had prosperous careers if pro football."

A couple of weeks ago, Wyoming had just come from the Sugar Bowl last year before and a lot of players came here because of that. They said, "We can get some recognition and then from there go on to pro careers." And he just stamped it out."

The players say they were surprised with Eaton's response to their request to wear the arm bands. Moore remembers that Eaton gave the players a choice of not wearing the arm bands or leaving the team.

"We had to make the decision to stand up for what we believed in," Moore said.

Eaton still stands behind the action he took nearly a quarter-century ago. Last year, he defended his actions and called the protest an insult to members of the Mormon Church in Wyoming who supported the football team.

The struggle drew national attention and

emotions threatened to boil over when the 14 attended the game against BYU. Hamilton remembers fans in the stand hurled racial epithets at the black players.

Lionel Grimes, another player who attended last month's ceremonies, said he feared for his life.

"You didn't know who you were going to fight and how they were going to come at you," Grimes said. "I can recall the day we were to protest and they wanted us to walk around the flag pole and not around the stadium, and I can recall men with rifles on top of the dormitory. And I was very frightened." Despite his fears, Grimes said he made the right decision.

"It was a situation in my life that gave me the opportunity to stand up for what I believed," he said. "I was always raised to stand up for what I believed. I think it did a lot of harm, not only to the 'Black 14,' but to the university. But I do see that some of the struggle that we went through are helping others now. I think Wyoming is growing."

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